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WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the extent to which the scheme/programmes, like Rashtriya Mahila Kosh, ICDS, Swashakti and Balika Samridhi Yojana etc. of the Department of Women and Child Development had contributed for the development of women, particularly in the Women Empowerment Year, scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

The Department of Women and Child Development implements certain innovative programmes for women. These programmes are in the areas of training and capacity building, employment and income generation, welfare and support services and awareness generation and gender sensitization. The ultimate objective of all these programmes is to make women independent and self-reliant. Rashtriya Mahila Kosh provides credit facilities to women for income generating activities; ICDS provides vital services to pregnant and lactating women; Swa-shakti promotes self-help groups of women and strengthens the process to promote social change and economic betterment that improve the quality of life of women; and the objective of Balika Samriddhi Yojana is to raise the overall status of the girl child and bring about a positive change in family and community attitudes towards her. These ongoing schemes of the Department are being strengthened for better targeting during the Women's Empowerment Year 2001. A Statement indicating the beneficiaries under these schemes is annexed.

ANNEXURE

SCHEME-WISE DETAILS OF BENEFICIARIES

S.No.	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Number of women beneficiaries
1.	Rashtriya Mahila Kosh	4,08,559+
2.	I.C.D.S.	54,00,000
3.	Swa-Shakti	8,795++
4.	Balika Samriddhi Yojana	10,45,000

+ Since inception (1993) till 30 June 2001.
++ No. of Self Help Group formed.